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FOR: DATA FORMAT TRANSCODING :
APPARATUS AND ASSOCIATED
METHOD

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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SIR:

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowability of the claimed invention. In response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the Notice of Allowance of August 28, 2007, Applicants respectfully submit the following comments.

In the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance on page 2 of the Notice of Allowance mailed August 28, 2007, lines 5-17 state:

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1, 11, 21, and 22 recite novel features of a data processing apparatus/method for performing a predetermined predictive calculation on input data using a predictive coefficient, comprising:

a first storing means configured to store a first predictive coefficient obtained by learning;

instructing means configured to instruct conversion of the first predictive coefficient; and

first calculating means configured to calculate a second predictive coefficient from the first predictive coefficient

according to a predetermined transform method when conversion is instructed by the instructing means.

However, it is respectfully noted that Claim 1 recites

A data processing apparatus for performing a predetermined predictive calculation on input data using a predictive coefficient, comprising:
first storing means for storing a first predictive coefficient obtained by learning;
instructing means for instructing conversion of the first predictive coefficient; and
first calculating means for calculating a second predictive coefficient from the first predictive coefficient according to a predetermined transform method when conversion is instructed by said instructing means.

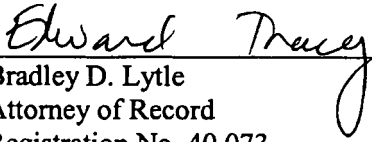
Further, it is respectfully noted that Claim 11 recites

A data processing apparatus for performing a predetermined predictive calculation on input data using a predictive coefficient, comprising:
a first memory configured to store a first predictive coefficient obtained by learning;
a designation unit configured to instruct conversion of the first predictive coefficient; and
a coefficient calculation unit configured to calculate a second predictive coefficient from the first predictive coefficient according to a predetermined transform method when conversion is instructed by the designation unit.

Additionally, it is respectfully noted that independent Claims 21 and 22 do not include the means, the first memory, or the units as recited above. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the above-quoted statement does not apply to any of independent Claims 1, 11, 21, and 22 (and claims dependent therefrom).

Respectfully submitted,

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